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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HIDEO KATO

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For: ~~OPTICAL, ADDITIONAL~~  
FILMS AND OPTICAL  
ELEMENTS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

**Please cancel claims 6-9 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

Kindly add new claims 16-23 as follows:

16. (New) An optical element having a film on its surface, said film comprising at least one layer of silica containing fluorine.